

REMARKS

Claims 1-12 were pending prior to this amendment. Claims 1-8 have been allowed. Claims 9-12 stand rejected. At least in light of the above amendments and the foregoing remarks, issuance of the allowed claims is respectfully requested.

Allowed Claims

Applicant acknowledges the allowance of claims 1-8.

Claim Rejections – 35 U.S.C. § 103

Claims 9 and 10 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,810,395 (Bharat) and U.S. Patent No. 6,073,138 (de l'Etraz, et al.).

Claims 9 and 10 have been cancelled.

Claims 11 and 12 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Bharat and de l'Etraz, et al. as applied to claim 9, and further in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,112,240 (Pogue).

Claims 11 and 12 have been cancelled.

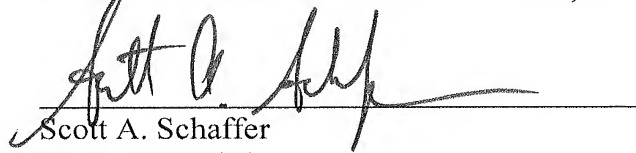
CONCLUSION

The Examiner is encouraged to telephone the undersigned at (503) 222-3613 if it appears that an interview would be helpful in advancing the case.

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